

CARRANZA FORCES FAIL TO CO-OPERATE WITH AMERICANS IN PURSUIT OF VILLA

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GERMANS USE JETS OF LIQUID FLAME IN VERDUN ATTACK

French, With Their Curtain of Fire, Drive Off Assaulters.

CROWN PRINCE SUFFERS HEAVY CASUALTIES

His Forces Make Slight Progress in Northern Part of Malancourt Wood.

ALLIES REPULSED AT VAUX

Russians Keep Up Their Strong Offensive in North Against Teutons.

Heavy battles have been in progress northwest and northeast of Verdun and on the northern part of the Russian front, where the Russians are keeping in their strong offensive against the Germans. In all these zones the losses have been large, while the changes in positions have been relatively unimportant.

Northwest of Verdun, in the sector of Avocourt-Malancourt, the Germans, after a terrific bombardment, made a furious infantry attack, in which liquid fire was employed, against the French front. A fresh German division brought up from a remote point participated in the operation. The French, however, with their curtain of fire, held down the attack with heavy casualties to the assaulting force. Except in the northern part of Malancourt wood, some ten miles from Verdun, where the Germans made a slight progress, Berlin reports the repulse, also with heavy losses, of the French who attacked the village of Vaux, northeast of Verdun. Elsewhere around the fortress there have been only intermittent bombardments and a continuation of fights in the air between French and German aviators.

Several villages in this district also have been taken by the Russians. In Galicia the Russians have captured Austrian trenches and a bridgehead east of the village of Mikulach. There also has been considerable fighting between the Austrians and Russians along the Dniester and Rzeszawian fronts.

On the Isonzo line the Italians have recaptured from the Austrians trenches on Santa Maria heights. Later, after having stopped Austrian counterattacks, the Italians retired to another position from a portion of their advanced line, in order to avoid being enveloped by fresh Austrian batteries. Artillery engagements have been in progress on the remainder of the Austro-Italian front.

The Russians continue their pursuit of the Turks in the Caucasus region, and have taken additional prisoners and guns. An attempt by the Turks to advance in the Black Sea littoral was stopped by Russian naval and land guns.

IMMEDIATE PEACE REPORTED IN SIGHT
GALVESTON, TEX., March 20.—Immediate peace is in sight. It is one sentence in a cablegram received to-day from London by a Galveston shipping firm, canceling arrangements made for (Continued on Second Page.)



Major Frank Tomkins (right) conferring with Colonel Herbert J. Stocum (left, facing soldier), commander of the Thirteenth Cavalry.

Joint Aerial Attack Made on Zeebrugge by 65 Allied Aeroplanes

Bombard German Seaplane Station and Aerodrome at Houltade--Machines Return Safely.

LONDON, March 20.—Sixty-five allied aeroplanes to-day bombarded the Belgian coast town of Zeebrugge. All returned.

The following official statement was made:

"In the early hours of this morning a combined force of approximately fifty British, French and Belgian aeroplanes and seaplanes, accompanied by fifteen fighting machines, left and attacked the German seaplane station at Zeebrugge and the aerodrome at Houltade, near Zeebrugge.

"Considerable damage appears to have been done. The machines on the average carried 200 pounds of bombs. All the machines returned safely.

"One Belgian officer is reported seriously wounded.

"All the British machines referred to were naval."

Zeebrugge is on the Belgian coast, twelve miles northeast of Ostend. Since the German occupation this port has become of considerable importance, particularly as a German submarine base. It is one of the principal points from which submarine operations in the North Sea are directed.

AIR RAID OF MULHOUSE, GREATEST OF WAR
BASEL, SWITZERLAND, March 20 (via Paris).—When twenty-three allied aeroplanes raided Mulhouse, upper Alsace, the greatest aerial battle of the war took place. Accounts just reaching here declare that more than fifty machines were fighting at such close quarters that the German anti-aircraft guns had to cease firing in order to avoid hitting their own machines.

One French aircraft rammed a German machine, which fell in flames. Five German aeroplanes and three French fell, the occupants of all being killed. Even while the allied planes were fighting they dropped a number of bombs upon military positions.

Many thousands of people witnessed the combat.

The allied air raid on Mulhouse was reported in yesterday afternoon's French official statement.

SLAYER OF ALLEN IS LODGED IN JAIL

Will McCraw, Who Killed Clansman, Taken to Roanoke for Safe-Keeping.

WILL PLEAD SELF-DEFENSE

Sheriff Refuses to Comment on Report of High Feeling in Carroll County.

ROANOKE, VA., March 20.—Will McCraw, alleged kidnaper who shot and killed Jasper Allen, last of the Carroll County clansmen, near Mount Airy, N. C., on Saturday, was brought here to-day from Galax, Va., by Sheriff Edwards, of Carroll County. Because of alleged hostility on the part of some of Allen's friends, the sheriff had taken



Photo of Will McCraw, alleged kidnaper who shot and killed Jasper Allen.

FINAL VOTE TO-DAY ON HAY ARMY BILL

Will Go to Senate Virtually as Framed and by Overwhelming Vote.

RAPID PROGRESS IS MADE

Three Times During Day House Defeats Proposals to Increase Strength of Regulars.

WASHINGTON, March 20.—By refusing definitely to increase the regular army provisions of the Hay bill, the House to-day made it almost certain that the measure will go to the Senate virtually as framed and by an overwhelming vote. Chairman Hay, of the Military Committee, was hopeful tonight that a final vote could be reached to-morrow.

The net result of the day's debate on proposed amendments was to sustain the recommendations of the President as to the size of the regular army. The Hay bill carries virtually the program mapped out by former Secretary Gar-

VILLA IS DEFEATED BY MEXICAN TROOPS

Pershing Reports Definite Engagement Near Cruces, With Bandit in Retreat.

LATER IN FIGHT AT NAMQUIPA

If News Is Correct, May Be Forced to Meet American Forces in 36 Hours.

SAN ANTONIO, TEX., March 20.—Francisco Villa may be forced into the fight with American troops within the next thirty-six hours, if reports coming to General Funston's headquarters, both from General Pershing and from Mexican sources, are correct.

General Pershing reported to-day that Villa had been definitely defeated by Mexican troops near Cruces, and that he was marching northward in retreat. General Pershing's report was followed, however, by the official report that Villa was still fighting at Namiquipa, south of Cruces.

If the Carranza force wins in the fighting that was said to be continuing late to-day, Villa will have to move northward over a road which a detachment of American troops is riding southward or leave the road and head for the Santa Maria mountains that parallel the road to the east, or to the Oriental range on the west side. In fact, according to the report, is impracticable, because of the presence in

TROOPS ACTUALLY BEING WITHDRAWN FROM BANDIT ZONE

One Detachment of De Facto Government's Army Refuses to Fight.

LEAVES HIM FREE TO PASS INTO MOUNTAIN FASTNESS

Colonel Cano's Cavalry Reported as Being Engaged in Battle With Outlaw Band.

GREAT UNEASINESS IN EL PASO

Reason for Gathering of Thousands of Men Under Gavira at Juarez Is Not Explained.

EL PASO, TEX., March 20.—The forces of Colonel Cano were engaged in battle at 6:20 o'clock this afternoon with bandits led by Villa in Namiquipa, according to a dispatch received this afternoon by General Gavira Carranza, commander at Juarez. The result of the fighting was not decided at the time of the receipt of the dispatch. Namiquipa is in the district of Guerrero, State of Chihuahua.

Colonel Cano is in command of a force of 900 cavalry, which came in contact two days ago at El Valle with Villa forces, which on this occasion fled without giving battle.

Despite the reports that General Cano's forces had engaged those of Villa at Namiquipa, persons well informed here expressed the opinion that the Carranza forces had failed to hold up their end of the net by which it was proposed to capture the bandit chieftain. There were confirmatory reports received to-day of the news received for the last week that the Mexican troops not only were failing to co-operate with the American troops, but in certain instances at least were actually withdrawing from the field of operations.

TROOPS FROM CASAS GRANDES IS OR ABOUT JUAREZ
The Associated Press learned on unquestionable authority that the troops of the de facto government which had been seen at Casas Grandes have been withdrawn and are now in or about Juarez. From the same source it was learned that at least one detachment of Carranza troops had refused to fight Villa, and had withdrawn on the bandit's approach, leaving him free to pass into his favorite mountain fastness. This detachment withdrew on receipt of a message that he was warning not on Mexicans, but the enemies of Mexicans.

The extraordinary rapidity with which the American cavalry pushed into Mexico gave rise to high hopes yesterday that the unexpected had happened and the notorious bandit was cornered. This seemed inevitable if the Carranza soldiers did their part and if the account of the strength of their field forces was correct. Villa, out of from the north by the forward sweep of the American columns, from the west by the Sierra Madre herring the approaches to the State of Sonora, was supposed to be equally barred from the east and south by powerful Carranza forces.

It now seems certain that Villa has been moving freely in at least a large section of the country supposed to be held by the troops of the first chief. In the last few days he has been variously reported by General Gavira, the Carranza commander at Juarez, at points along a line reaching north and south from Galeana to Namiquipa, a distance of about seventy-five miles. By the same accounts he has not been moving steadily south, but roving north and east. The mountainous, canyon-splint, roadless stretch of country in which he is operating adds many miles to the country he has covered as compared with its distance on the map.

REASON FOR MOVEMENT REMAINS UNEXPLAINED
The reason for the Carranza troops moving to the border remains unexplained. It is impossible even to make a fair estimate of the number of men under General Gavira at Juarez. The large staff at his headquarters and the fact that new troops are arriving daily indicate that his force is a large one. The most conservative estimate places it at 2,000, and calculations range from that point upward to 5,000. Every precaution has been taken to prevent the facts being known, and most of the men are kept outside the town, among the hills. Reports from Aguapriet and Ojinaga tell of Mexican reinforcements reaching those points also, but nothing is known as to their numbers.

There is no question that there is serious and growing uneasiness in El Paso, which has been sharply accentuated by the problem which has arisen over the request of the United States government to General Carranza for the use of the Mexican railroads to transport supplies. Americans here do not believe that Carranza has granted this request, especially as it is understood that General Funston proposed, if it is granted, to take train crews and equipment into Mexico and place military guards at the stations. The presence of American soldiers on Mexi-



United States soldiers maneuvering for position on Mexican border.

Crowded Knoxville Hotel Struck by Lightning

Imperial Hotel, located at the principal business corner, was struck by lightning this morning, the entire upper floors bursting out into flames in a few minutes. The hotel was crowded with guests, but it is believed all escaped.

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AMOS PINCHOT FOR PEACE

Opposes Trouble in Mexico and Military Drills in Schools, Even to Save Property.

NEW YORK, March 20.—"I have myself a fairly large investment down there in Mexico in a gold mine that has been shut up for two years, but I do not want to see American boys kill Mexicans, or Mexicans kill them, in order to open up our property," said Amos R. Pinchot in an address on "America's Greatest Hope and Greatest Danger," at the Morris Hill High School.

"I would like to know," he added, "how Colonel Roosevelt and other American politicians who are trying to force us into war would feel if they were members of the government in Mexico City, and we were to hold them strictly responsible for what happened on the border line and in the mountains of the north. We should not hold the new Mexican government rigidly responsible for the acts of bandits. To go to war with Mexico, in order to save the investments of commercial bankers, would be a crime against both Mexico and the people of the United States."

Pinchot asserted that military training in the public schools is not good even physically, because it accentuates natural physical disabilities, lacks the healthy and stimulating elements of play and, though it builds up muscles, it neglects those organs which must support the added muscular tissue.

MRS. ENGLISH AT FUNERAL

Woman Who Killed Husband Attends Services Over His Remains in Frederick, Md.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
FREDERICK, MD., March 20.—Solely and supported by the arm of her stepson, Thomas Dunn English, Mrs. Eloise Young English this morning attended the funeral of her husband, Arthur English, the New York attorney, whom she shot and killed early on Saturday morning. Her two sons, Hugh and Edgar, also were at the services, which were very brief. Mrs. Arthur Williams, of Elk Ridge, Md., a sister of Mrs. English, was the only other person present. Thomas Dunn English, the young son, did not see his father's body. He went to the undertaker's only to make arrangements for the burial. Two beautiful floral emblems were on the casket. Both were ordered by Dunn English.

KING MANUEL VOLUNTEERS

Deposed Ruler Telegraphs to Lisbon Offering His Services to Portugal.

[Special Cable to The Times-Dispatch.]
LISBON, March 20.—King Manuel, deposed King of Portugal, has telegraphed to Lisbon offering his services to Portugal.

He said in his dispatch: "My only thoughts are for the welfare of my country."

Dr. Rusk Is Typhus Victim.

LAREDO, TEXAS, March 20.—Dr. Carlos Rusk, of Aurora, Ill., died here to-day of typhus contracted in Mexico, where he had gone with Dr. Peter Oltzky to combat the disease.

RESIDE FLOYD AND CLAUDE

Allen was buried this afternoon in the family burial ground beside Floyd and Claude Allen, who died in the electric chair three years ago for their participation in the Hillsville tragedy in which Judge Thornton H. Massey and several court officers and jurors were killed.

Sheriff Edwards, who is twenty-four years old, is a first cousin of Wesley Edwards. He is the youngest sheriff Carroll County has ever had.

BIG GAIN IN REVENUE

Increase of More Than 50 Per Cent for Southern Railroads in Last Twelve Months Reported by I. C. C.

WASHINGTON, March 20.—Not revenues of Southern railroads of the United States have increased more than 50 per cent within twelve months, according to figures made public to-day by the Interstate Commerce Commission. Eastern railroads virtually doubled their net revenue within this period, while the Western roads added about 14 per cent.

Comparisons covering the month of January show that Eastern roads received an average net revenue of \$609 per mile operated, compared with \$397 per mile a year previous; Southern roads, \$316 per mile, against \$205 in 1905, and Western roads, \$217 per mile, against \$187.

NO PRIMARY IN GEORGIA

President Wilson Only Candidate to Qualify Before State Democratic Committee.

ATLANTA, GA., March 20.—The time limit set by the Georgia State Democratic Executive Committee for qualification of presidential aspirants expired to-day. It was provided at the last meeting of the committee that unless more than one candidate qualified in three other States there would be no presidential primary. No candidate has qualified except President Wilson, and, therefore, no primary will be held.

Flood Appoints Cadet.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
WASHINGTON, D. C., March 20.—Representative H. D. Flood, of Virginia, to-day designated Francis J. Wood, of Clifton Forge, Va., as a cadet to the Naval Academy under the act increasing the number of midshipmen at the institution.

SALES WITHOUT PAPERS

Captain Discovers His Plight When About 300 Miles at Sea and Puts Back to Gulfport.

GULFPORT, MISS., March 20.—A singular incident in shipping annals here was revealed early to-day when the Russian bark Regina, which left Gulfport ten days ago, lumber laden, for Barcelona, Spain, was seen anchored off Ship Island, seven miles from this harbor.

Captain Brickson, on his arrival here, said that immediately after loading the Regina he sailed away, entirely forgetting, for some unaccountable reason, to obtain his clearance and registry papers. The bark had sailed about 200 miles from this port, he said, when he first became aware of his plight, and he put about and returned to Gulfport.

EXPLOSION FELT FIFTY MILES

Wrecks Many Buildings at Spencer, Va., but No One Is Seriously Injured.

LIMA, OHIO, March 20.—An explosion in the storage magazine of the American Glycerin Company near Spencer, Va., to-night wrecked many buildings in that village and broke windows here, at Findley and other cities fifty miles distant. It was said 630 quarts of nitroglycerin were stored in the magazine.

The damage was reported to be comparatively slight, and no one was seriously injured. An overheated oil stove caused the explosion.

NEGRO GETS MEDAL

His Loyalty to Southern Railway Since 1888 Recognized by President.

BIRMINGHAM, ALA., March 20.—Heading the list of 14 employees of the Birmingham and Mobile Division of the Southern Railway, personally presented medals for loyalty by President Fairfax Harrison here to-day, was Taylor Parkman, negro hammerman in the Selma shops. His service dates from 1888 when, as a slave, he was owned by the Alabama and Tennessee River Railroad Company.

HOME ECONOMICS

Buy-right Hints for the Thrifty Housewife

People to-day enjoy more luxuries than ever before in the history of the world. We mean by this, the masses. There was a time when luxuries were an exclusive privilege of the very wealthy. This discrimination is no longer a monopoly of the affluent.

This change in conditions has been brought about largely through advertising. Advertising provided the outlet for volume. Volume expedited the cheapened manufacturing methods, while at the same time elevating and maintaining quality. Competition in all lines has run riot in reaching the public with the best goods

These Are the Days of Inexpensive Luxuries

at the lowest prices. Equable and convenient terms of payment has been another factor in putting people in possession of luxuries they were formerly denied. People buy property, pianos, phonographs and furnish their homes complete, and acquire many other things nowadays, with the option of protracted credits, never even dreamed of a quarter of a century ago.

The advertising pages of The Times-Dispatch carry the messages of the merchants who sell the luxuries of life, as well as those who sell the necessities. Whatever you may need, or decide to indulge in, you'll find advertised in these columns.

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